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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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**For: Method and Apparatus for Maintenance
and Expansion of Hemopoietic Stem Cells
and/or Progenitor Cells**

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QUESTION

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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Final United States Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, which response is being made on or before December 23, 2003, and for which no extension fees are due. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: